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Title: Methods of Determination of Activation or Inactivation of Atrial Natriuretic Peptide (ANP) and Brain Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) Hormonal Systems

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

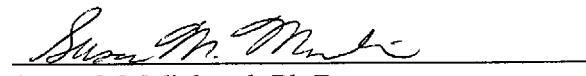
This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is an amendment that is responsive to the final Office action mailed on July 9, 2010.

Applicants hereby authorize the Office to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2095 in the amount of \$810.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination.

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Respectfully submitted,

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